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Appln. No.: 10/767,565

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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
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ELECTION AND AMENDMENT

Responsive to the office communication mailed January 23, 2006, Applicant hereby elects Group II, claims 11-26, directed to a method of producing an interior trim panel.

Applicant further cancels non-elected claims 1-10. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, this paper includes the following additional parts:

- I. **Listing of Claims**, beginning on page 2; and
- II. **Amendments to the Specification** beginning on page 6
- II. **Remarks**, beginning on page 7.

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